

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising at least one shelf, said shelf comprising:

~~at least one~~ a flat panel; and

~~at least one plastic~~ a unitary polypropylene structure comprising supporting tabs on an underside thereof, said structure permanently surrounding said panel around its entire periphery and covering a portion of the top face of the panel around its entire periphery, said structure applying ;

~~wherein a compressive lateral pressure of 5-15 MPa is present between an edge of said at least one panel and said at least one plastic polypropylene structure to assemble said at least one panel with said at least one plastic structure~~ ,said panel being secured to said structure by said compressive lateral pressure and by being positioned between that portion of the structure covering a portion of the top face of the panel and said supporting tabs.

Claims 2-6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): A refrigerator as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one assembly element having at least a first part clipped under the ~~at least one~~ panel against a vertical wall of the at least one ~~plastic~~ polypropylene structure, a second part clipped under the at least one plastic structure, and a third part bent to border another part of the shelf or to form a runner configured to collaborate for cantilever mounting in a unit.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended): A refrigerator as claimed in claim 1, ~~and~~ in which the ~~at least one~~ shelf slides with respect to a support formed as a single piece.

Claims 9-21. (Cancelled).

Claim 22. (New): A refrigerator as claimed in claim 1, wherein said structure applies a compressive lateral pressure of 8-10 MPa between an edge of said panel and said polypropylene structure.

Claim 23. (New): A refrigerator as claimed in claim 1, further comprising an adhesive located between said panel and said polypropylene structure.

Claim 24. (New) A shelf, said shelf comprising:

a flat panel; and

a unitary polypropylene structure comprising tabs on an underside thereof, said structure permanently surrounding said panel around its entire periphery and covering a portion of the top face of the panel around its entire periphery, said structure applying a compressive lateral pressure of 5-15 MPa between an edge of said panel and said polypropylene structure, said panel being secured to said structure by said compressive lateral pressure and by being positioned between that portion of the structure covering a portion of the top face of the panel and said supporting tabs.

Claim 25. (New): A shelf as claimed in claim 24, wherein said structure applies a compressive lateral pressure of 8-10 MPa between an edge of said panel and said polypropylene structure.

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Claim 26. (New): A refrigerator as claimed in claim 24, further comprising an adhesive located between said panel and said polypropylene structure.